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with improved regulating Asbestos Lamp. The best dish made. See our new line at prices from \$3.00 up. Also Chafing Dish Spoons, Forks, Skimmer, Alcohol Flagon and Toasters.

...At \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$3.50...

SEE OUR WINDOW FOR NEW SPRING GOODS.



Curtis & Bro.,
Dealers in Fine China.
Established Over 20 Years at
MAIN STREET.

LET IT ESCAPE YOU!

On our **SECOND FLOOR** we have opened a New Department which is given over entirely to **BARGAINS IN SHOES.**

Bargains and it is well worth your while to go to the Second floor if you are looking for Shoe Bargains.

of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit:

- Shoes, Hand Welt and Lace, \$2 29, reduced from \$2.50.
- Shoes, in square toe, reduced from \$2.50.
- Shoes, machine Square Toes, \$1.44.
- Shoes, in Opera and reduced from \$1.50.
- Shoes, all the best makes of Shoes in every fashionable style, and all are headquarters for all that is best in Shoes and will take great pleasure at any time when you are in need of Footwear. We buy our shoes well and not to look at, and we know that we can please you. **COME AND SEE US.**

Cast Your Eye

On this for a Moment.
Do you need a blood purifier? See our Syrup Sarsaparilla Co.—a bottle same size as Hood's—twice as strong. Guaranteed, and only 50c a bottle. Try it.

KING'S DRUG STORE,
Cor Main and Water Sts

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Russian corn cure at Irwin's.
Smoke the Little J, 6-cent cigar, made by Jacob Koch.
Irwin's Satisfaction tooth powder whitens and preserves the teeth.
Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 dt
Irwin's Excelsior hair promoter will restore gray hair to its natural color. Large bottle, 75 cents.
A large new stock of the highest quality perfumes just received at West's drug store. Forty cents per ounce.
Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf
Did you feel the wind blow? Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance, 124 North Main—1 dlm.
Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16 ddt
Butterfly Orchid—the newest perfume for Easter season, at West's drug store. Forty cents per ounce.
Clark and Schroll have opened a real estate, land and insurance office in Room 22, Arcade building. All kinds of insurance written. Loans made, money loaned to place upon good city and farm property.—27 ddt
The Decatur fire department is often called upon to put out a fire, which they do with neatness and despatch. But they can't stop a cyclone. Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Water—1 dlm
We have now placed on sale the following makes of ladies' shoes, viz Groves, Gardner & Estes Co, Cousins & Laid, Scholer & Mitchell, heretofore sold at \$6.50 now offered at \$1.75, sizes from 9 1/2 to 5 1/2, widths A, B, C. Bargains without end. H W Waggoner & Co—8 dlv
George Dyens, who is accused of stealing Ed Willis' watch, a hat and an overcoat, was before Justice Hardy yesterday. There are three charges against him, burglary, grand larceny and petty larceny. Dyens waived examination and went back to jail. His bond was fixed at \$250.
William Reed, the young man who has been in the county jail for some time on a charge of larceny, gave bond yesterday in the sum of \$250 before Justice Shorb, his father going his security. Reed is the man who was arrested with Jimmie Adams for robbing an Indian of \$80 in Lena Smith's place on South Park street.

CYCLONE

Insurance in first class rates. J. L. Drake over P. O.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Manager Given of the Grand, is in St. Louis today.
—W. R. Braae was in Quincy yesterday on business.
—Mr and Mrs. M. Maxon have left on a trip through the west.
—Mrs. Oscar Croes and children are visiting friends at Blue Mound.
—Will Mackie will go to Warrensburg this evening to visit friends.
—Mrs. H. A. Tuttle, who has been quite ill of the grip, is improving.
—Allerton Freeman has gone into the business of cleaning wall paper.
—The infant child of Mr and Mrs. Frank Dodd is ill of the measles.
—Miss Lottie Tulhe went to Cerro Gordo this morning to visit friends.
—Bon W. G. Cochran of Sullivan, was in the city today for several hours.
—Dr. Benj. Brown went to Chicago today after several days' visit in the city.
—Miss Pauline Reinert is home from St. Louis where she has been visiting friends.
—J. C. Crane arrived home last night from Shelbyville where he has been on business.
—Miss Jeannette Walmsley has returned home from Chicago where she has been visiting friends.
—A. C. Hae went to Jacksonville this afternoon to join his wife who is visiting in that city with Rev and Mrs. R. G. Hobbs.
—Charles Broughton of St. Louis, who is well known in Decatur, passed through the city this morning on his way to Chicago.
—Robert I. Hunt, who has been traveling abroad, sailed from Europe last Thursday and is expected to arrive in Philadelphia on April 20.
—Harl Wilson, who has been traveling with the Beach and Bowers' minstrels arrived home last night. The company will close the season next week.
—Mrs. H. Cree and daughter, Miss Lilian Cree, left this morning for Chicago to see Attorney Hugh Cree who has been ill at the hospital in that city. Mr Cree's condition is reported to be much improved.
—I. H. Burgome, wife and son, are in the city on a visit. Mr B was formerly receiver for the Terre Haute and Peoria road, with headquarters in Decatur. During the past two years he has been located at Salt Lake City, Utah. Now he will reside at Springfield, Ohio, and will be in charge of the Ohio Southern railway. He paid the Republican a pleasant call today in company with T. M. Hobart.

THE CIRCUIT COURT

Entries on the Common Law and Chancery Dockets.
This is the sixty ninth day of the January term of the Macon county circuit court. Entries on the docket appear as follows.
Common Law Docket.
William W. Conard for use, etc., vs Jacob Ast et al, debt motion for a new trial by defendant overruled, appeal granted and allowed.
Joseph McMahon et al vs Sexton E. Smith et al, appellants appeal motion by defendant for a new trial overruled, appeal taken.
Samson Garrett vs Charles E. Alers, assumpsit suit dismissed as per stipulation on file.
E. L. Pegram vs J. L. Drake et al, assumpsit motion by defendants for a new trial overruled, appeal taken.
J. C. Hostetter vs Thomas P. Roddy et al, assumpsit, motion by defendants for a new trial overruled, appeal taken.
Chancery Docket.
Rufus M. Elliott vs E. L. Martin, chancery, report of master submitted.
Isaac V. Goltra vs Mary Schwab et al, foreclosure, suit dismissed.
Getting Dull.
"The legal business in this city is about played out" declared the copper and steerer of a local attorney a few days ago. "It's got so that I can't lay up a cent. The other day I steered a fellow that was being sued by a tailor for the price of a pair of pants into the office of the lawyer I'm working for. He got the job of defending the suit and won it. When I went to him to get my share of the fee he went into his private office and came out with a pair of pants."
"That's my fee," he said. "Here's your share" and he cut the buttons off and gave them to me"—San Francisco.
A Tortoise Shell Bonnet.
Queen Victoria has been presented with a bonnet of orthodox Salvation Army shape, and made entirely of tortoise shell, wherefore one would think it must needs be more for ornament than use. This costly, but inelegant bonnet was made specially for the queen by the natives of Navigator's island, but her majesty, doubtless realizing the true inwardness of the present, discreetly handed it over to the British museum where it may be seen.—Banner of Gold.
Saving Wood.
"Ah, I think that 'wood chopper's song' is delightful."
"Wood chopper's song?"
"Yes, that one about hearing the end of the job, you know, the—'Last Cord'."—Philadelphia North American.
ATTENTION, MEN.
All persons holding certificates of stock in the estate of Charles B. Smith, case No. 10008, court of claims, are requested to come with their checks to St. Nicholas.

LAW AS TO JURYMEN.

A Pointed Notice Posted in the Court House Corridors.
Some days ago there was a scene in the county court when in the presence of Sheriff Nicholson and Assistant State's Attorney A. H. Mills, Judge Hamner stated with some emphasis that he was tired of seeing about the same men brought into court to serve on juries before him. He was weary of the old timers and he wanted a change. He thought the jury men should be drawn out of a box, as is the rule in the circuit court. The judge had issued a venire for a new jury, and he asked the sheriff to go outside the business streets and pick up a jury of new men and the sheriff stood ready to promptly obey the request. There were no names mentioned in the conversation and there were no reflections cast upon anybody. The sheriff announced that he would have posted the law in reference to parties seeking to serve on juries, and he low is a copy of the notice as it appears on white cards posted in the court house corridors.
Chapter 78, Sec. 13. Any person who shall seek the position of a juror or who shall ask any attorney or other officer of the court or other person to secure his selection as a jurymen, shall be deemed guilty of a contempt of court, and be fined not exceeding \$20, and shall hereby be disqualified from serving as a juror for that term, and such fact shall be sufficient ground for challenge. Any attorney or party to a suit pending for trial at that term, who shall request or solicit the placing of any person upon a jury, shall be deemed guilty of a contempt of the court, and be fined not exceeding \$100, and the person so sought to be put upon the jury shall be disqualified to serve as a juror at that term of court.
The notice will aid materially in clearing the corridors of those who for years have hung around so as to be close at hand in case a jury is wanted in the court house.
Reminded Him of Old Times.
This morning a private of the Twelfth United States Infantry passed through the city on his way to his home where he will spend a furlough with his relatives. Captain George R. Bacon, late of the regular army, happened to be at the depot when the soldier was waiting for his train. Mr Bacon is always interested in army affairs and he asked the soldier what regiment and company he was a member of. The captain was greatly surprised when the blue jacket replied that he was one of the company of Captain Craig, who was an old and close friend of Captain Bacon when they were both fighting on the frontier. Captain Bacon said that he had not heard from Captain Craig in a long time and that to meet a member of his old friend's company brought to his mind the remembrance of the days when he was serving Uncle Sam in the far west.

William Fry Acquitted

William Fry, who was arrested some days ago on a charge of larceny, preferred in a state warrant by Stern, the butcher on North Morgan street, had a hearing before Justice Shorb yesterday on a change of venue from Justice Hardy's court. Attorney Latham appeared for the prosecution, and Attorney Redmon and Fitzgerald for the defendant. There was no evidence that Fry had stolen any thing from the Stern place where he had been employed. Stern's market had been robbed of about \$17 in cash. He thought Fry had been taking meat and sausage from the market to his home and he supposed that Fry had taken the money. Fry admitted that he had appropriated some meat, but denied all knowledge of the robbery. Fry was acquitted.

Assignee Jack's Report

S. S. Jack made a report to the county court yesterday of the receipts and expenditures of the Elchinger assignment. It showed that he has received \$2947.01 and paid out \$2555.92. He says:
"The property obtained from F. P. Roddy is largely in the hands of receivers, thus reducing the income from rents and the equities are of merely nominal value. The notes of F. P. and Thomas Roddy filed at this time as assets of the estate are of no value, the makers being insolvent. The assignee has advertised land belonging to the estate, but has not received satisfactory offers for any part of it."
Easter Entertainment.
Myrtle Temple No. 2, Rathbone Sisters, will give an Easter Entertainment in Powers Block on Monday evening, April 12th. There will be an exhibition, an Art Exhibit, in water colors and in oils.

Program.

Piano Solo. Miss Minnie Kremling.
Vocal Solo. Melba Steinbach.
Piano Solo. Misses Maggie and Irene Weiler.
Also dancing. Refreshments will be served at 10 cents. Admission 10 cents. The public is invited. 6 d3

Sunday Observance.

A short time ago the members of the W. C. T. U. appointed committees to wait upon the ministers of the different churches and ask them to preach tomorrow on the subject of Sunday observance. The ministers were not notified until Friday and some of them say that it will be impossible for them to take up the subject this Sunday but will talk along that line at a later date.

The Salvation Army.

Merchant street Sunday services at 11 a. m., theme, "A King's Call and a Loyal People's answer." At 8 p. m., praise service, 8 p. m., theme, "A Royal Entry." All welcome. Walter Bone, organist. Commencing Tuesday of next week we will give a series of short bible readings. Theme, "With Christ from Gethsemane to Calvary."

ENDEAVOR NEWS.

The executive committee of the county Christian Endeavor union, met last Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church with eighteen present. This was very encouraging to the new officers. Committees were announced and plans for the county union work presented and discussed. It was decided to hold all day conventions throughout the county as far as practicable. The entire plan will be presented later in this column.
The motto for Macon county C. E. union this year will be "Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts."
Miss Mahel Hatfield of the United Brethren church has been appointed junior superintendent for the Macon county union this year. Miss Hatfield has been the efficient junior superintendent in her own church for several years and we are sure will be able, willing and ready to help along the junior work in Macon county. Ask her to assist you in any junior work.
Besides the officers and superintendents the county union has three committees through which it expects to carry on its work namely, the lookout committee to do the work its name implies, with A. M. Taylor of the First M. E. church as chairman, and a committee of twenty of the best workers of the county to assist him. The press and program committees with Messrs. Howard Schaub and Milton Johnson, Jr., Misses Mamie Wood and Hatfield J. Brown to arrange programs for union meetings and see that they are well advertised. The transportation committee with I. N. Martin chairman assisted by the secretary and president of the union to arrange accommodations for all who will attend the international convention in San Francisco in July and also plan for our state convention in Chicago in October. Any who contemplate attending either of these conventions will do well to consult some member of this committee.
There will be a union prayer meeting at the Baptist church on Easter morning at 6:30. Everyone is invited to this service, young or old. Come. It is the plan of the music committee to have a large chorus choir. Be sure and announce it in your Endeavor meeting, now and urge all your members to come out at 6:30.
The First M. E. society is to have a lecture Monday evening by Rev. Randle presiding elder of this district. His subject will be "The Achievements of the Twentieth Century."
Tomorrow evening at the Presbyterian society the subject will be, "The Brotherlyhood of Man" and they have invited Mrs. P. C. Cooper of the A. M. E. church to conduct this service. Their semi-annual missionary offering will be taken.
Sunday evening at the Congregational society they will hold their monthly missionary meeting led by Mrs. G. W. Bates subject, "Isles of the Sea."

The First Directory of the First Methodist Church is Ready for Publication

The directory is a complete affair giving names of the members their street and number and various amounts of other church information. This work has been entirely completed by the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. under the direction of their president A. M. Taylor. The title page reads as follows: Directory of the First M. E. church of Decatur, Ga. For Christ Christian Endeavorers and the church. This souvenir is the first of the kind ever issued in this church and it is dedicated to the members thereof by the senior Y. P. S. C. E., edited by Andrew M. Taylor president of the senior Y. P. S. C. E.

The Congregational society gave a match social at their church last night.

There was a good many present and all spent a pleasant evening.
Next Monday evening April 12, the members of the Baptist society will publicly install their officers and following this service will be a debate by four of their own members on this question: "Resolved, That Foreign Missions are More Necessary Than Home Missions." The affirmative will be taken by Miss Maude Stoy and James Montgomery and the negative by Miss Myra Plummer and J. L. Deek.

The First M. E. Intermediate society gave a social at the home of their pastor.

Rev. D. F. Howe last evening that was well attended. This program was carried out. Piano solo, Miss Beattie Lutz, vocal solo, Miss Stiles, violin solo, Milton Lutz, reading, Charles Record.
The Macon county Christian Endeavor

SUNDAY SERVICES.

CLUBBY AND LEBANON CHURCH.
Rev. A. W. Haskins, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Praying at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Singing theme, Jesus Christ our Lord. The immortality of life. February 12 at 3:30 p. m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
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SARANT'S CHURCH.
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No Woman's Easter Toilet is complete without a new pair of Gloves. The best products of the world's most celebrated makers are here waiting to fit your hands—P. Centimerri, Tre-fousse, Perrin, together with many other famous kinds—all possessing undoubted Glove Value and sure to prove satisfactory.

OUR EASTER SPECIAL is a \$1.00 Glove in 4 Button, 2 Clasp or 5 Large Hook, in all the new and popular shades. All gloves fitted to the hand.

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Easter Time is almost synonymous with Millinery Time. It is our desire to make this Department as near perfect as possible and the best efforts of Decatur's best artists are congregated here. Bad example is the bane of the whole Millinery business. Mistaken Milliners select bad models; they get on the wrong track in the beginning of the season and they go wrong to the end.

We ask you to inspect our models; they are the very pink of New Fashion, the perfection of Style, and they are economically priced.

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PATTERN VEILS, Embroidered, at 25 and 35 cts. Liberty Silk Ruching in Maize, Green, Mulberry, Cream and Black.

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Men's Imported Balbriggan Underwear.....50c to \$2.50 a garment
Some very Stylish Goods in Silk, Lisle Thread and Fancy Underwear.....89c to \$5.00 a garment
Lisle Thread Hosiery in Fancy Plaids and Stripes will be very stylish this season. See our assortment.

A SPECIAL PURCHASE OF 500 EASTER TIES—Tecks, Bands, Clubs and Imperials—50 cents each.

Easter Suits.

350 Ladies' Suits from which to make Your Selections,

Including a Sample Line of Imported Frocks—the Season's Choicest Garments. Every proper material, every correct mode—Black, Tan, Navy, Royal Blue, Heliotrope and Fancy Mixtures. Man Tailored.

Easter Prices, \$4.98 to \$32.00 each.

Easter Hosiery.

Ladies' and Children's Hosiery has always been a sort of specialty with us. Whether you want a pair of hose for a dime or wish to pay times as much, you get the best to be had at the price.

Two Special Easter Offers:

Ladies' Imported Fast Black Hose, Double Sole and High Spliced Heel.....25c kind at 15c pair
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A wondrous galaxy of Fashionable and sensible underskirts, of taffeta, foulard, etc., at very satisfactory prices. Some Special Easter offers follow:

Green and Mulberry Changeable Taffeta Silk skirts, with corded ruffle.....\$5.00 to \$10.00 each
New "Stand Alone" Skirt, of Black Italian cloth.....\$2.98 to \$5.00 each
Linen Skirts.....49c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each



Easter Handkerchiefs.

We are showing some pretty novelties in Swiss, Linen and Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs.....25c up to \$1.00 each

Special Easter Offer:

100 Dozen Ladies' All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.....5c each

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An advance showing of Correct Colors and Patterns awaits you in this department. A Dainty Parasol will do much to heighten the beauty of your Easter Outfit.

Three Special Easter Offers:

25 Ladies' White India Silk Parasols.....98c each
15 Ladies' White India Silk Parasols, one ruffle.....\$1.30 each
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Boys' Easter Clothing.

And the Clothes he'll wear afterward--Every Day Suits, Sunday Suits, Play Suits, School Suits.

BOUGHT RIGHT AND PRICED RIGHT.

Boys' Two-Piece Suit (4 to 8 years), in light mixtures, handsomely trimmed with buttons and buckles—a decided bargain at.....\$3.49
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Easter Outer Garments.

Our Easter Sale of Spring Coats and Capes is always recognized as one of the most important of the season's events.

500 Ladies' Cloth Jackets, cut in all the most Fashionable styles—Black, Brown, Tan, New Green, Mulberry—all properly Tailored. These Coats possess a style and finish which has made this department famous.

Easter Prices, \$3.98 to \$16.50 Each.

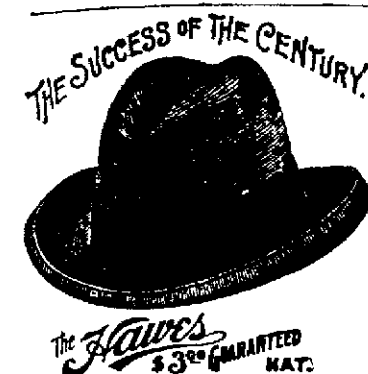
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DECATUR'S GREATEST STORE.

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Toilet Goods for Easter.

La Blache Face Powder in white, Flesh, pink and cream.....39c Box
Mennen's Talcum Face Powder.....19c Box
Woodworth's Fine Perfumes, 10 different odors.....49c Oz
De Veaux Premier Perfumes.....25c Bottle
Hand Mirrors.....25c to 75c each
4711 White Rose Toilet Soap, regular price 25c.....13c Cake
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A new, complete and tionally well assorted line of at fellows from 3 to 8, made up Vestee, Sailor and Reefer style new fabrics, running in price

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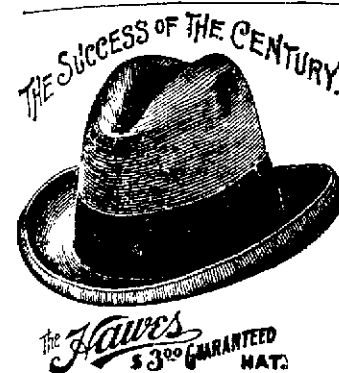
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HATS that will fit both
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The "Cuban" and "Geisha"
—two of the latest. Let us
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New Novelties in
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The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material,
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The Best **WATCH** In Town

Will not keep correct time
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Our watchmakers and facilities for watch repairing are the
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Promptness and Reasonable Charges.

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Rabbits, Brownies,
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Yellow Kids,

Many Late and Entirely New Things.

EASTER CARDS and EASTER BOOKS:

Prayer Books in Beautiful Binding, at

SAXTON'S BOOK STORE.

We'll Wake Up Trade....

This is the week we give you
some very close prices on

3 **CORSETS.**
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SHIRT WAISTS.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce FRANK
STILLERMAN as a candidate for Alderman in
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tion.

TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers,
have another of their popular EXCURSIONS
TO TEXAS, APRIL 27th,
where they are selling so much of
their choice cheap lands near Houston
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had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper
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us for circulars. We also do a general exchange
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it you with almost any kind of a trade. Espe-
cially notice their circulars on the country across
the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and
see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.
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THE CAPITOL IN 1848.

The Great Building Where Gen. Tay-
lor Was Inaugurated.

The statement has been made that
the general improvement of the cap-
itol has outstripped that of the cap-
itol; in other words, the municipal and
private enterprise has made more ad-
vance than has the general govern-
ment in its improvement of the capitol
and grounds. Although so great
changes have been made outside the
capitol grounds that localities of old
are totally unrecognizable to those who
knew them half a century ago, or even
less, there are many who doubt the cor-
rectness of the statement.

One of these old men some few days
ago, happening to find a copy of the
"Guide to the Capitol Executive Of-
fices," by Robert Mills, architect, pub-
lished in 1848, fell into a reminiscent
mood, after a hasty glance through it,
and said: "I can go back but few
years beyond this unless I take the bear-
say of older persons I heard when a
boy. Even before the extension of the
building it was looked on as the finest
on the continent, and the old dome
was the pride of the boys of that day. I
have been to the top many a day, for
the old boys, unaccompanied by an old-
er person, were supposed to have no
business there, old Mr. Schreiner, who
directed visitors, was kindly disposed
to well-behaved youths and passed them
up. I remember that while there was
at the top a balustrade to prevent per-
sons falling off, there was no protection
for the skylight. The glass in the sky-
light was supposed to be thick enough
to bear an ordinary person. But a
young lady proved this idea fallacious
by stepping on it and narrowly escap-
ing a fall to the floor of the rotunda. As
may be supposed, a protection was soon
in place.

"The grounds at that time were
bounded by A and First streets, ex-
cepting that the western boundary was
formed by a circular driveway, partly
paved with cobblestones, extending
from First street to the lines of North
and South Capitol streets. There was
an iron railing, set on a slab wall, in-
closing the grounds, and gates were
placed at the avenues. At the principal
gates were lodges for watchmen,
whose duty included locking them at
sunset and opening them at sunrise,
but generally they were not locked un-
til ten o'clock p. m. A couple of
fountains, in the basins of which were
goldfish, and three or four beds of
flowers were in the western part of the
grounds. In the square on the east
side there were, besides the fish pond,
two groves, and it was the general im-
pression that they were intended for
barbecues, one for the democrats and
the other for the whigs. There were
placed through the grounds wooden
benches for the tired pedestrians, but,
rude as they were, they were the fa-
vorite seats for lovesick couples, and
many initials were cut on them. As
there were only a dozen or so lamps to
light the grounds, and these were for
oil, there was little opportunity for the
observation of couples. The late Coon
Kaufman then was the lamplighter,
and he filled this position till his death,
a few years ago. The plaza at the east
of the building was then unpaved, ex-
cepting that cobblestones covered a
portion of it. The footways in the
grounds were of redstone tiles, flanked
with gravel, and I have lived long
enough to see some of the tiling worn so
thin that it would barely hold together.
The colossal statue of Washington, by
Greenough, was then in its present lo-
cation, having been removed from the
center of the rotunda, in which it was
first placed. It was customary then to
cover this statue from the weather by
a frame building, which was put in
position late each fall, to be removed
in the early spring.

"In the basin at the west front was
the monument erected by the naval offi-
cers to commemorate the services of
Somers, Caldwell, Decatur, Wadsworth,
Dorsey and Israel, who fell in the siege
of Tripoli. This monument was in
1865 placed in the navy yard, then in
the basin, and some few years ago was
removed to the naval academy at An-
napolis. Outside of the building at the
east front, there was but one of the
groups of statuary on the blocking of
the portico—"The Discovery of Amer-
ica," it is called, but the popular name
at the time was 'Columbus in the Bow-
ling Alley.' The group for the other
blocks was then being chiseled by
Greenough. To sum it up, within the
iron railing the work of embellishment
had barely commenced, and the sur-
roundings were in keeping with the ex-
terior of the building, then of a hue
almost yellow, for it was not painted
white till six years later. Thus was
the capitol and its grounds 50 years ago,
and it should be remembered that, de-
spite the corporation laws to the con-
trary, cattle browsed quite close to the
grounds. The contractor for the ac-
ade and house made, a few years before,
it in my history for the last five years, to

SENTIMENT MADE A NATION.

Grocers of To-Day a Creature of the
Phantoms of the Past.

Unprecedented Experiment—Unique
Attempt to Rejuvenate Language
—New Agencies at Work—Is
Success Possible?

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The Greek nation of to-day is a fact
created by a tradition—an aggressive
fact because it is the product of a splen-
did tradition.

It is said that when the Persian host
sent by Xerxes to sack the shrine at
Delphi mounted to the attack, gigantic
specters of ancient heroes rose in the
ranks of the little band of defenders,
and the dead fought beside the living
to repel the foes of their country.
These phantom warriors still fight for
Greece in all her battles, and it is no
exaggeration to say that this army of
ghosts is more effective for her protec-
tion than all the costly armament that
she has impoverished herself to main-
tain. It is simple truth that here the
shades of the past have called the pres-
ent into being.

Not that Greece herself is a ghost—
she is intensely alive. But she affords
a unique example of a nation lifted
from its grave by the magic of a senti-
ment, after a seeming death slumber of
many centuries. It has often appeared
that of all reasons sentimental reasons
are the strongest, but history can
scarcely show another instance such as
this. Nowhere else, indeed, have such
conditions existed. The case of Italy,
however depressed, could never be
called dead, and Rome through all her
vicissitudes, has never wholly lost her
greatness or ceased to be a seat of
power.

But Athens had practically become a
barren site. In the earlier decades of
the present century there remained

right, and is not withered by the fact that
their blood has been largely mingled
with that of the Dane, the Norman, the
Frenchman, and the Celt. Neither does
a considerable admixture of Albanian,
Slavonian, and Wallachian stock void
the birthright of the modern Greek;
and if his pretension were as false as it
is just, it would still be well to counten-
ance and encourage it. When we con-
sider that the fervent patriotism and
national pride to which it has given rise
have enabled a down-trodden race of
serfs to become a spirited, progressive,
self-respecting people, it certainly
seems worthy of all commendation.
These classic ghosts have done a noble
work.

Perhaps the most remarkable fact
about the Greece of to-day is the sur-
vival of its ancient language. Not that
it is unchanged—but the wonder is
that there is so little change; and with
greater familiarity the marvel grows.
New words, of course, have entered,
and the grammar has suffered such
modifications as are seen in all modern
tongues; but when once you have sur-
mounted the barrier raised by our ar-
bitrary and artificial method of pro-
nunciation, you perceive that there is
quite as much Attic in the speech of
Athens as Saxon in the speech of Lon-
don. The modern Athenian can read
the Iliad with much less study than
the Londoner can read the Beowulf,
that so-called "Anglo-Saxon epic"—and
the implied comparison is calculated
to make one bow his head in shame;
while the Athenian can read the Greek
New Testament at least as readily as
an Englishman can read Wycliffe's
translation of the same—and again, oh!
what a difference!

It is true that the Greek language
has suffered much loss from the long
degradation of its users, but in its
manner English, as everybody knows,
became so impoverished after the Nor-
man conquest that it was scarcely more
than a plowman's dialect. This defect
was ultimately supplied by the liberal



SHADES OF PAST HEROES WILL MAKE THEM FIGHT.

only ruins and a wretched hamlet of
barely 300 huts. For something like
1,000 years Greece had been a little more
than a memory, her territory almost
unvisited, her national identity extin-
guished—though her history and litera-
ture were eagerly studied in all the uni-
versities of Europe.

To this widespread reverence for a
past which her own people had in part
forgotten—for they were under the
blight of ignorance and oppression—
she chiefly owes her restoration to a
place among the nations. In 1821 she
revolted against Turkish tyranny. At-
rocities like those recently perpetrated
in Armenia followed, and in 1825 Ibra-
him Pasha overran Peloponnesus with
an army of Egyptian slaves driven to
battle under the lash. In the ordinary
course of events, despite some gallant
fighting, the rebellion would soon have
been stamped out in blood and pun-
ished by a yet more cruel bondage. But
the sympathies of all Europe had been
aroused; the name of Hellas was po-
tent throughout the civilized world.
Dead poets and buried orators were
pleading for her, and the living took up
the strain; Byron not only lifted up his
voice but laid down his life. Finally
sentiment triumphed over policy. The
same slow-moving "powers" in whose
teeth she has so lately cast her de-
fiance, at last brought their cannon to
bear in her defense and interposed to
secure her independence. Never had
the shades of her heroes won a more
signal victory.

Their influence has been dominant in
Greek affairs ever since. That alone
has made Athens the capital of the new
Hellas; apart from sentiment it is not
the natural metropolis of the country.
But the ruins which crown the Acrop-
olis have raised about them a beautiful
city which will ever be the Mecca of
students and the "Eye of Greece."

Some have disputed the claim of this
people to their heritage, and deny that
they are true descendants of the Greeks
of old. Of course their blood is not
pure—the blood of no nation remains
unadulterated through the varied tor-
tunes of a period of 2,000 years; but I
believe that the people of Greece to-
day are quite as truly Greek as the Eng-
lish, for example, are Anglo-Saxon.
Yet who would dare controvert the
claim of the great "Anglo-Saxon race"
to their beautiful title? It is their blood

importation of foreign terms. The
Greeks have set about the task in a dif-
ferent way; they are bending all their
energies to a restoration—as complete
as existing conditions permit of their
ancient language.

In fact, one of the most extraordi-
nary experiments ever attempted is now
going on in Greece—nothing less than
the resurrection of the dead in the
matter of language. Can it succeed?
So far as the writer is aware, every
such undertaking in the past has met
with failure; language, it was found,
could no more be made to order than a
tree could be constructed by chemical
processes in a laboratory. But it is un-
safe to predict. This age is like no
other that the world has seen. New
agencies are at work. The miracles of
the past are the commonplace of the
present. Past chases close on the heels
of fiction, and even outstrips it. Jaded
with novelties, we are forgetting how
to wonder.

The new agency now at work in the
Greek experiment is popular education.
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able for such a purpose before. The
government, with admirable enterprise,
has filled the land with schools—free
schools, much like our own—and in
them the youth of Greece are taught,
as far as it is found practicable, the re-
juvenated language. By this means,
and by the daily press—another new
and powerful factor—much has already
been accomplished. Whatever may be
the outcome, the experiment will be
watched with the greatest interest.
DAVID TURNER.

The Difference.
Writing about the year 1897, and
touching upon the use of the word
"jubilee" in connection with it, Mr. A.
Quiller-Couch tells an anecdote which,
one suspects, is more amusing than
truthful.

An old lady dwelling on the skirts of
Dartmoor was asked: "What is the
meaning of this year jubilee?"
"Well, my dear," she answered, "tis
this way—if you've been married to a
man 50 year, and the man's alive, 'tis
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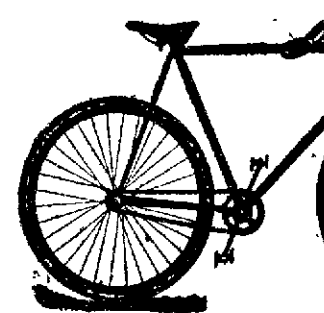
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